

Tape 15

0:00:05.550,0:00:10.520

I was not permitted to have

0:00:10.820,0:00:20.150

honor status because there was
insistence that I must be treated the

0:00:20.150,0:00:33.020

same as everyone else or worse I think
we could say than ev- than anyone or

0:00:33.020,0:00:41.660

everyone else they had to overextend
themselves to display that I was not

0:00:41.660,0:01:05.830

treated too well and on this basis it
took me five years to obtain honor status

0:01:11.450,0:01:29.060

it was Warden [Beryl] Sacks that claims to make
the decision after I had been in prison

0:01:29.060,0:01:39.620

five years he said that he felt that I
should be given an opportunity to be on

0:01:39.620,0:01:51.670

honor status so it was the just before
the 4th of July of the

0:01:52.080,0:02:00.850

fifth year I was in prison--
[?] in '60--1960 that's correct that I

0:02:00.850,0:02:05.259

was transferred in honor
dormitory of the Ohio pen

0:02:05.259,0:02:18.489

now this meant that I would and I was
given privileges to be out and around

0:02:18.489,0:02:27.850

normal people I could go out and help
with transfers of material in the town

0:02:27.850,0:02:39.300

of Columbus I qualified for the baseball
team of the honor dormitory and did so

0:02:39.300,0:02:42.300

successfully

0:02:45.780,0:02:55.870

within that year not that I'm a great
baseball player but they don't have very

0:02:55.870,0:02:59.560

many good baseball players in the honor
dormitory at Columbus

0:02:59.560,0:03:11.069

so I qualified as an outfielder and this
was regular hardball regular baseball

0:03:11.069,0:03:18.670

and I had never played anything but
infield before in my life I'd played

0:03:18.670,0:03:28.060

first base second base and shortstop but
had never played a lot of baseball

0:03:28.060,0:03:32.010

because I'd been a track man in high
school and college

0:03:32.010,0:03:40.569

but anyway I went out for the team so I
could travel with the team to the other

0:03:40.569,0:03:55.690

honor camps over the state and I visited
Hocking I visited Marion I visited well

0:03:55.690,0:04:08.290

all the honor camps over the state let's
see Marietta there's one there are

0:04:08.290,0:04:09.140

several over the state that I can't
think of offhand let's see there's some from

0:04:12.370,0:04:22.220

London there's some from other medium
security institutions

0:04:22.220,0:04:30.110

the point is this that there was ample
opportunity to run away if anybody

0:04:30.110,0:04:39.500

wanted to run and I was there because
it was known pretty well that I wouldn't

0:04:39.500,0:04:48.920

even try to be foolish if I wanted to so
for six months I was there I was then

0:04:48.920,0:04:51.920

transferred to Marion--what the excuse
me a minute

0:04:51.920,0:04:57.970

what was the honor dorm like in
comparison to where you were--

0:05:02.970,0:05:16.880

well it was uh very different I was a
first-aid man

0:05:19.360,0:05:25.710

and I was permitted to eat when I wished
or not

0:05:25.710,0:05:32.880

I could go out in the yard and work out
with the weights or shoot baskets with

0:05:32.880,0:05:46.410

the basketball I was given a wide range
of things to do--were you working in the

0:05:46.410,0:05:51.830

hospital at that time--no I was a
first-aid man for the honor dormitory--

0:05:51.830,0:05:55.259

you had up until the time you were
switched to the honor dorm you were

0:05:55.260,0:06:06.700

working in the hospital--yeah--and they
took that duty away--well they uh

0:06:06.700,0:06:16.100

this was more you see the hospital is
an inside penitentiary duty and I

0:06:16.110,0:06:21.330

couldn't stay as a member of the
hospital group and still be an honor

0:06:21.330,0:06:30.860

dorm member in other words I sort of
took it away myself to be honest

0:06:30.860,0:06:36.980

by accepting the honor dormitory assignment--
this is still on the same grounds as

0:06:36.990,0:06:39.870

the penitentiary--
yeah but the honor dormitory is outside

0:06:39.870,0:06:50.760

the wall you're not walled in and this
is a big difference I could walk out any time

0:06:50.760,0:06:54.340

there's a guard at the door but I
can say well I'm needed at

0:06:54.340,0:07:04.480

such-and-such I could make up something
some phony thing and get out any time--okay--

0:07:04.480,0:07:15.120

the point is that the pressure was off
here on the other hand there were many

0:07:15.120,0:07:20.180

legitimate duties or needs

0:07:21.600,0:07:30.570

where volunteers were needed
transferring desks from some donor or

0:07:30.570,0:07:41.250
some company that had donated used desks
to the state or some farmer that had a

0:07:41.250,0:07:48.920
extra big potato crop and didn't want to
commit this or admit this to the

0:07:48.920,0:07:57.720
governmental tally would donate these to
the state and this was not illegal this

0:07:57.720,0:08:02.850
was accepted on the farmers' part I don't
mean this was illegal in any way it was

0:08:02.850,0:08:08.880
merely something that if they had more
than the potato crop that was supposed

0:08:08.880,0:08:16.020
to be proper for their land and give it
to the pen or give it to the Salvation

0:08:16.020,0:08:23.690
Army or some group of that sort
otherwise admit it and take the

0:08:23.690,0:08:31.440
reduction in price and as a result
we got a lot of potatoes and carrots and

0:08:31.440,0:08:40.080
onions and things from local area
farmers that just got a better crop than

0:08:40.080,0:08:44.550
they figured--what was physically what
did the honor dorm look like and how many

0:08:44.550,0:08:52.770
men were in it--about 50 and well anyway I
would go out and help with these onion

0:08:52.770,0:09:00.210
collections and desk transmissions and
so forth but physically the honor dorm

0:09:00.210,0:09:10.620
was an oblong building outside the main
wall of the penitentiary on the front

0:09:10.620,0:09:20.640
or should I say south area of the pen
toward the we- toward the east

0:09:20.640,0:09:29.990
with oh a sort of flimsy wall between it
and the outside but only a gesture

0:09:29.990,0:09:42.680
of a wall and it used to be the
hospital that supplied the penitentiary

0:09:42.680,0:09:49.470

and when men

I guess developed the idea of going to

0:09:49.470,0:09:56.670

the hospital to escape then they had to
build a hospital inside the the heavy

0:09:56.670,0:10:07.010

wall so this became sort of it in an
evolutionary way the honor dormitory

0:10:07.010,0:10:20.760

there are offices on the first floor a
big dining room a kitchen and on the

0:10:20.760,0:10:29.880

left side there's a room with a
collapsing door that is used as a well

0:10:29.880,0:10:35.990

it's a door that well it's a window
really that collapses toward the ceiling

0:10:35.990,0:10:47.640

like a roll-top desk might in reverse
that's used in the commissary

0:10:47.640,0:10:54.779

on the second floor and third floors are all rooms and these rooms have no doors

0:10:54.779,0:11:05.220

they have only curtains and the curtains
are chosen by the men each room has four

0:11:05.220,0:11:15.420

men and they can choose their drapes and
their they usually have material sent in

0:11:15.420,0:11:24.180

from home for drapes for the windows and a curtain for the door and there's there's

0:11:24.180,0:11:34.520

no door just just a curtain hanging down
as we might see in a examining room or something

0:11:34.520,0:11:40.760

the men are permitted to have rug throw rugs

0:11:40.760,0:11:49.600

radios of any type no television
except on the first floor in one corner

0:11:49.600,0:11:59.470

of the dining room is a large about 19-inch or 21-inch television and on

0:11:59.470,0:12:15.060

in one room on the second floor is a large
television set and there are old donated

0:12:15.060,0:12:29.440

seats from a old well replaced these seats
have been replaced by numerous seats in a theater obviously

0:12:29.440,0:12:35.500

the seats are placed
in rows so that the men can view the

0:12:35.500,0:12:42.960

television and it's set up so that each
room or the room and the area downstairs

0:12:42.960,0:12:52.870

have different programs on it each time so
the men can then then vote according to

0:12:52.870,0:12:58.960

their wishes--on the outside uh when
you're at the honor dorm you could go stop

0:12:58.960,0:13:05.200

at the store if you wanted when you're
out picking up stuff--well I could stop at

0:13:05.200,0:13:11.800

the store from time to time if I was on
a run delivering something such as desks

0:13:11.800,0:13:14.160

or

0:13:14.960,0:13:24.540

for bringing back onions or potatoes to
the penitentiary from say a large farm

0:13:24.540,0:13:32.790

but this wasn't strictly legal it wasn't
illegal but it wasn't legal but the

0:13:32.790,0:13:39.990

legal thing that was always reliable I
could go to the man the convict who ran

0:13:39.990,0:13:45.600

the commissary and tell him look I want
some strawberries if it was in the

0:13:45.600,0:13:51.360

middle of winter or the summer or
whenever he could get whatever he

0:13:51.360,0:13:56.160

could get frozen if it was in the winter
or in the summer if they were fresh he

0:13:56.160,0:14:07.440

would contact the man that went to the
market for the dormitory and he would I

0:14:07.440,0:14:14.870

would give him money and he would give
the man money who was also a convict and

0:14:14.870,0:14:24.840

there would be a separate purchase made
in my behalf and I used this mainly and

0:14:24.840,0:14:33.060

in regard to pizza there was the cook
there made terrific pizza and for \$5.00

0:14:33.060,0:14:40.590

he'd make three big pizzas that'd
feed the whole dormitory and he I

0:14:40.590,0:14:47.130

I didn't care for the anchovy I like the
mushroom pizza and he'd buy mushrooms

0:14:47.130,0:14:51.920

and tomato sauce and the whole bit

0:14:52.800,0:15:02.840

downtown strictly legal through the man
that went to the market and of course he

0:15:02.850,0:15:14.460

had lard and the other makings of the of
the dough and for five bucks I could

0:15:14.460,0:15:20.190

feed the whole dormitory and of course I
wasn't too worried about the whole dormitory I was

0:15:20.190,0:15:26.260

worried about number one
but I like to make everybody happy and

0:15:26.260,0:15:29.680

if anybody wanted a piece of pizza they
had it

0:15:29.680,0:15:36.340

and about once a month I would do this
when and if I had the money available

0:15:36.340,0:15:41.660

and this guy really made good pizza of
course he was Italian he had been

0:15:41.660,0:15:51.890

brought up on this and he really really
built it from the ground up and he took

0:15:51.890,0:16:01.370

his time and hey he had the time--he wasn't going anywhere--that's right—
well prior to moving into the honor dorm you were

0:16:01.370,0:16:08.240

you were staying in the prison hospital room there--
hospital dormitory yeah--well just

0:16:08.240,0:16:12.290

this was better than the hospital
dormitory or was it--oh definitely

0:16:12.290,0:16:23.270

oh yes much better in many ways--there
you had about 50 guys in a room--no we

0:16:23.270,0:16:33.640
had about 20, 20 or 22 in the hospital
dorm 50 guys are better were in the

0:16:33.640,0:16:45.620
regular 1E and 2E dormitories
where the usual clerks assistant clerks

0:16:52.060,0:16:58.180
while all clerical workers
[?] assistants and that sort of thing

0:16:58.180,0:17:04.689
personnel assistants worked but in the
hospital dormitory we did have a few

0:17:04.689,0:17:12.160
little extras like a bedside table and
oh there was a porter there that would

0:17:12.160,0:17:24.010
sweep up our ashes and make our beds
for us but at the honor dormitory though

0:17:24.010,0:17:31.530
we had to make our own beds
there were only four men to a room and

0:17:31.530,0:17:41.190
in my job I was as I say first-aid man
or actually doctor of the dormitory and

0:17:41.190,0:17:47.320
took care of all men who were ill in the
dormitory and decided whether they

0:17:47.320,0:17:55.270
stayed or had to be sent inside to the
inner prison to be cared for in a

0:17:55.270,0:18:03.130
serious manner surgically or medically I
was in the room all by myself and I had

0:18:03.130,0:18:13.120
a larger room than the average four-man
room otherwise a little later there was

0:18:13.120,0:18:21.850
another man brought in who was helpful
in the way of dental care because there

0:18:21.850,0:18:27.760
was also a dental chair and dental
instruments and I I told him I wanted no

0:18:27.760,0:18:35.410
part of the dental work I perhaps could
have handled it but I didn't want to--so

0:18:35.410,0:18:39.370
you had you roomed with four or three
other guys--no--oh you had your own

0:18:39.370,0:18:49.630

room--I had my own room until I asked to
have a man well to be honest I knew that

0:18:49.630,0:19:01.210

there was a guy that was well versed in
dental work that could come out

0:19:01.210,0:19:15.609

if he was requested so I more or less
put on the the story that I didn't care

0:19:15.609,0:19:22.149

to handle dental problems because I knew
that if there was a dental man demanded

0:19:22.149,0:19:27.040

that he would be the next in line and it
worked out that way and he came out--

0:19:27.040,0:19:30.700

so he was your roommate--and he was my
roommate but the two of us had a room

0:19:30.700,0:19:38.679

larger than the four-man rooms of the
average--which you at one time had

0:19:38.679,0:19:45.509

yourself--no in the honor dorm I was
moved immediately in the in the

0:19:45.509,0:19:51.720

dispensary and I had it all to myself
originally--you slept there--yeah I slept

0:19:51.720,0:19:58.800

there and I would take care of patients
either through the window there was a

0:19:58.809,0:20:07.220

locked door there that I could lock her
unlock either I could

0:20:07.220,0:20:13.250

in other words I could refill a
prescription or I could permit the

0:20:13.250,0:20:22.360

patient to come in and examine them but
this other fella needed a break

0:20:22.360,0:20:28.480

he really did plus the fact what the hell

0:20:29.520,0:20:39.400

half the time I was in there chatting with
another man anyway

0:20:41.890,0:20:50.789

who would come up from his room to to my dispensary
to just shoot the shoot the bull

0:20:50.789,0:20:58.720

and well I just the guy was a solid person and I felt that he deserved a

0:20:58.720,0:21:07.149

break and so I I said well we need a dental technician and they went along

0:21:07.149,0:21:13.510

with it and brought him out and he was a it worked out that way luckily he came

0:21:13.510,0:21:20.789

out and there was another bed right in the room for a second man

0:21:20.789,0:21:27.730

and he handled the dental work and this was a convict who never finished the

0:21:27.730,0:21:33.370

5th grade but he could handle immediate denture work he would extract

0:21:33.370,0:21:41.010

teeth and put in immediate dentures with I never saw one that went bad

0:21:41.010,0:21:46.929

it's amazing really--that's why you waited 'til you got out to have your

0:21:46.929,0:21:55.820

teeth worked on--that's right that's right that's right exactly right he was a nice guy but goddamn I didn't

0:21:55.820,0:22:00.160

want him working on my teeth [all laugh]

0:22:00.160,0:22:05.680

he did a hell of a job [laughter]

0:22:05.700,0:22:12.960

so anyway--and the story of my life is that I would be his first failure you know--yeah yeah--

0:22:12.970,0:22:17.799

their operation was a success but the patient died--yeah--well how long were you

0:22:17.799,0:22:24.070

in the honor dormitory--about six months--and then what happened--well I was

0:22:24.070,0:22:31.720

transferred to Marion Correctional Institution against my wishes--you want

0:22:31.720,0:22:36.639

to tell me what happened there--well I was told by a man by the name of

0:22:36.639,0:22:48.700

Patterson who was on the board of well
the board that transfers - the transfer board I

0:22:48.700,0:22:57.600

guess they call it
that I was on the list to be transferred

0:22:57.600,0:23:05.390

this was just before Christmas so I went
to everybody I knew to go to within the

0:23:05.390,0:23:14.750

institution the surgeon-in-chief wrote a
letter and delayed the transfer

0:23:14.750,0:23:23.920

temporarily and right after the first of
the year the transfer was effected

0:23:23.920,0:23:30.700

unknown to me or the surgeon-in-chief

0:23:31.040,0:23:34.040

and

0:23:36.760,0:23:48.500

Mr. Patterson told me again about this
but I was transferred immediately and

0:23:48.500,0:23:55.260

when I got to Marion and I found out that
it was upon the request of Dr.

0:23:55.260,0:24:05.429

Hershberger--what was his first name--
you got me Dr. Hershberger that's

0:24:05.429,0:24:14.990

about all I can tell you I forget his
first name

0:24:16.420,0:24:24.780

so--I don't think I ever used it but anyway
he needed help with his surgical

0:24:24.780,0:24:39.980

situation and he was told that he should
go ahead with operation or quit and he

0:24:39.980,0:24:45.250

was little too old to start pre-operating

0:24:45.950,0:24:56.320

he never did operate much--okay--he had
been a general practitioner

0:25:00.000,0:25:08.380

but the Marion Correctional
Institution had been set up

0:25:08.380,0:25:22.640

for complete surgery and the surgery was well-equipped well-developed

0:25:22.640,0:25:36.320

so he Dr. Hershberger was quite frank with me and
he told me that 'I need you here to help

0:25:36.320,0:25:43.460

me with the surgery' what he meant was do
the surgery of course which I was glad

0:25:43.460,0:25:52.639

to do to keep my hand in but he went on
further to say that if I would be

0:25:52.639,0:26:00.440

willing to do this that he would help
set up a school of nursing and help me

0:26:00.440,0:26:06.120

get good time for teaching

0:26:06.120,0:26:09.960

well this meant a great deal to me so I agreed

0:26:09.960,0:26:16.100

very rapidly of course--I want you to
describe the Marion Correctional

0:26:16.100,0:26:22.299

Institution a little bit of complete
freedom almost at the honor dorm

0:26:22.299,0:26:34.639

you've got two walls and--well at the honor
dormitory in Columbus the wall was a

0:26:34.639,0:26:48.980

gesture and we were permitted entry and
reentry almost at will it was a an

0:26:48.980,0:26:54.820

honor situation
whereas with Marion it was a

0:26:54.820,0:27:04.770

medium-security institution there was a
fence around it guard towers barbed wire

0:27:07.320,0:27:15.060

rules consistent with the inside of the penitentiary

0:27:15.060,0:27:18.060

and it was a come-down--

0:27:18.060,0:27:22.740

that's why you didn't want to go there--
right--

0:27:29.100,0:27:34.080

but when Dr. Hershberger told you what he
would do for you--

0:27:34.080,0:27:38.440

well then then it made sense to me yeah--where
did you stay there

0:27:38.440,0:27:47.669

what kind of a room did you have a room there--
well I was in a dormitory at first and

0:27:47.730,0:27:55.120

after about six months I was able to get
a cell there a cell is it an advantage

0:27:55.120,0:28:00.820

because it's a private room more or less--
each guy has his own room--yeah in a

0:28:00.820,0:28:10.300

in a cellblock--how many guys are in the
the dormitory that you're in--

0:28:10.300,0:28:14.280

hmm about 50

0:28:14.280,0:28:19.640

and about 40 in a cell block--but you had
your own room--right--

0:28:21.640,0:28:26.920

so you immediately started working in
surgery then--yes--

0:28:28.420,0:28:34.260

you wanted to what what kind of
operations did you do--well you name it

0:28:34.260,0:28:39.720

we did it
anything that was needed

0:28:39.720,0:28:48.140

they had the equipment and the the whole setup--
and just did you do all the surgery there

0:28:48.140,0:28:52.160

yourself or did Dr. Hershberger--
well Dr. Hershberger was there usually

0:28:52.160,0:28:54.920

at all times

0:28:57.120,0:29:02.940

A few times I'd work at his request
when he couldn't make it

0:29:06.320,0:29:13.560

but the record would would read that he was there he always covered that

0:29:13.560,0:29:18.800

knowing my situation

0:29:19.940,0:29:24.700

knowing that both of us might be
severely criticized

0:29:27.140,0:29:34.940

if he didn't handle it that way--did the prison officials
know you were doing this--

0:29:34.940,0:29:41.000

oh I think surely they did but they turned their head--

0:29:41.000,0:29:44.360

well they had a they got a they had a surgeon with for no money--

0:29:44.360,0:29:49.850

that's right they they were saving money--

now were there other people that

0:29:49.850,0:29:53.160

came in from the outside like at

the Ohio Penitentiary [?]-

0:29:53.160,0:30:00.760

not at Marion no--you did everything

across the board--right--well how long were you at

0:30:00.760,0:30:07.240

Marion when you were there 'til '63

weren't you January of '63--

0:30:12.560,0:30:13.940

yeah

0:30:15.240,0:30:19.420

until Ariane came

0:30:20.420,0:30:24.640

and it was about that time Dr.

Hershberger found that he couldn't carry on

0:30:28.600,0:30:36.140

he developed Meniere's syndrome

a problem whereby a person suddenly

0:30:36.150,0:30:43.770

becomes dizzy and falls if they happen

to be standing or relying upon their

0:30:43.770,0:30:50.600

balance and--oh and Bell's palsy too is that similar --

no Bell's palsy well Bell's palsy

0:30:50.600,0:30:57.600

sometimes is related but not necessarily

but Meniere's syndrome is the

0:30:57.600,0:31:06.260

one in which there's ringing in the ear

and suddenly there becomes a lack of

0:31:06.260,0:31:12.700

balance and they tend to fall--that's the

thing that John Glenn had--

0:31:12.700,0:31:21.680

that's right that's right which he probably

had before he hit the door the uh--which is

0:31:21.680,0:31:29.900

why he hit it--right--anyway Dr.

Hershberger developed this problem

0:31:29.900,0:31:36.200

probably on a basis of arteriosclerosis or hardening of the arteries as we say

0:31:41.000,0:31:46.530

he got to the point that he
couldn't rely upon himself getting into

0:31:46.530,0:31:56.800

the institution and out and carrying on
the facade of doing his own work

0:31:58.160,0:32:04.559

it became apparent to the guards and other convicts and so forth that he couldn't

0:32:04.559,0:32:13.049

possibly be doing a surgery and so the
obvious was I mean the obvious was

0:32:13.049,0:32:22.640

obvious--it was more obvious--yeah so he
finally was I think asked to resign

0:32:24.559,0:32:34.070

of course this was based on the fact
that they had a displaced person from

0:32:34.070,0:32:48.570

Alsace-Lorraine who had been working in I
think North or South Dakota for a couple

0:32:48.570,0:32:55.499

of years and had at least maintained
himself to the point that he could stay

0:32:55.499,0:33:05.009

in the country and had had a good
education medically and he was ready to

0:33:05.009,0:33:15.169

accept the job in fact had applied which
again showed that they were aware that

0:33:15.169,0:33:18.540

Dr. Hershberger couldn't last too long

0:33:20.420,0:33:26.960

the fact that they accepted applications for such a job but anyway

0:33:29.500,0:33:35.320

I forget this other doctor's name but he
came right in as soon as Dr. Hershberger resigned

0:33:36.460,0:33:43.800

and shortly thereafter Ariane came on the scene and as luck would have it

0:33:43.800,0:33:53.120

of course the new doctor was very
eager affected wanted to handle his own

0:33:53.120,0:33:59.520

situation all the way which was great
with me except that when I was not

0:33:59.520,0:34:09.540
needed I could be dispensed with at
Marion and when Ariane I came to some

0:34:09.540,0:34:19.920
personal agreement and it became
necessary for Ariane to make this public

0:34:19.920,0:34:28.320
then Koblenz could send me back to the
penitentiary without jeopardizing the

0:34:28.320,0:34:37.200
medical situation at Marion because of
the new surgeon-in-chief who was doing a

0:34:37.200,0:34:43.340
fine job I must say and probably still
is I don't know who's there now but--

0:34:43.340,0:34:48.020
did you have any problems there you know
like you did at the Ohio penitentiary with

0:34:48.030,0:34:51.770
guys stealing drugs and that kind of
thing--

0:34:51.800,0:34:59.380
not not in that particular way but

0:34:59.380,0:35:03.300
the chief problem there was

0:35:03.300,0:35:13.100
with men who wanted to go through this nursing school and goldbrick their way through

0:35:14.020,0:35:22.380
and I wouldn't permit it and there were two
particular men who tried to muscle their

0:35:22.380,0:35:28.390
way through and I wouldn't permit this
and

0:35:28.390,0:35:37.660
I had to lower the boom on 'em and try
'em and the two of 'em approached me

0:35:37.660,0:35:44.380
in the surgery one time the surgical
suite one morning with knives on 'em

0:35:44.380,0:35:51.360
and luckily enough this fellow that I
referred to before by the name of Tex just

0:35:51.360,0:35:58.600
happened on the scene because he had
heard these the the murmurings I guess before

0:36:00.800,0:36:02.680
and uh

0:36:06.760,0:36:10.320

he's a man who uses a knife anyway

0:36:12.960,0:36:16.580

and he walked into the surgery and he pulled

0:36:16.580,0:36:23.840

pulled a shiv off of his leg which is a
[?] knife and threw it down on the

0:36:23.840,0:36:32.280

counter there it's a stainless steel
counter which is a

0:36:33.180,0:36:41.200

the instrument room outside the surgery he said
'well now fellas I haven't had a good knife fight

0:36:41.210,0:36:47.600

for several months now and you two are over there with knives and here's Doc Sam

0:36:47.600,0:36:57.680

here he doesn't have a knife at all and
I'm ready to fight and so Sam and I

0:36:57.680,0:37:04.080

think that Sam without a knife and me
with a knife and you two guys with knives

0:37:05.240,0:37:09.700

I think that's about an even fight' he said
'now let's get it on'--these guys had

0:37:09.710,0:37:13.910

their knives out--yeah they had 'em--they had 'em [?]
in their hands--they had them in

0:37:13.910,0:37:20.740

their hand yeah
but they put 'em away mighty fast then

0:37:21.400,0:37:27.900

because Tex is a guy that would just as soon be cut as not and they knew it

0:37:28.820,0:37:38.720

and they knew that I was a square as they call it
Square John but I wasn't afraid and they

0:37:38.720,0:37:43.180

knew I would go
they knew that I would try 'em

0:37:44.460,0:37:50.980

and probably Tex could have taken both of them
without me lifting a hand because this

0:37:50.990,0:37:56.570

guy Tex has been in and out of knife
scrapes all of his life--these guys wanted

0:37:56.570,0:38:02.240

these guys wanted to get into the school--
they wanted to they wanted to screw me

0:38:02.240,0:38:09.260

up because I had eliminated them from
the school I had gone to no authority

0:38:10.020,0:38:17.700

but by pressure by examination by

0:38:18.020,0:38:30.260

pointing out their deficiencies I had gotten them to voluntarily quit the school

0:38:31.140,0:38:39.240

within their limited mentality of

0:38:39.240,0:38:41.140

well stupid

0:38:44.020,0:38:50.940

reaction they I got 'em mad enough to quit
is what I did rather than go tell on

0:38:50.950,0:38:57.190

'em because I I couldn't do this within
my own feeling of right and wrong but I

0:38:57.190,0:39:03.250

would antagonize them to the point that
they would get mad enough to quit and

0:39:03.250,0:39:10.810

then later they'd be they'd be mad they'd be
well they they they hated the fact that they quit

0:39:10.810,0:39:15.370

and would we like to reenter the school
but it was too late oh no there's no

0:39:15.370,0:39:19.770

reentry--you want to tell me a little
bit about how you established this school--

0:39:19.770,0:39:24.700

well it was just a matter of Dr.
Hershberger and I made an agreement I do

0:39:24.700,0:39:27.580

his surgery he would back me up in the
school

0:39:28.380,0:39:38.660

and we just set up the school according to
the standards of the Ohio and other state

0:39:38.720,0:39:44.380

practical nurse association schools—
what were some of the things you taught there--

0:39:44.380,0:39:51.660

well we taught everything in practical nursing I it's a hard thing to--I have that

0:39:51.670,0:39:54.820

little book that you gave me I think that
describes it doesn't it--that describes it

0:39:54.820,0:40:07.620
pretty well but I used the Navy manual
for Navy corpsman which is very extensive

0:40:09.120,0:40:23.820
I have it downstairs right now we as our
project we wrote the class each class

0:40:23.830,0:40:31.160
I would well the first class I asked to
write a

0:40:31.160,0:40:46.770
book or a manual for practical nurses
how to give an enema how to assist with

0:40:46.770,0:40:55.860
an intravenous injection how to assist
on a surgical case how to be a

0:40:55.860,0:41:04.380
circulating nurse how to scrub in how to
be a proper sterile nurse all of these

0:41:04.380,0:41:16.160
variations then the class that followed
I assigned them the revision of this you see

0:41:16.160,0:41:28.280
how to improve this and as the gift to
the institution the first class upon my

0:41:28.280,0:41:40.440
suggestion but I didn't impose this
it was a unanimous thing the class all signed

0:41:46.640,0:41:53.480
cards and agreements to donate
or donation cards actually to donate

0:41:53.490,0:42:00.840
their eyes to the local eye bank if and
when they should lose their lives in one

0:42:00.840,0:42:06.390
way or another so that the corneas of
their eyes could be placed in the eye

0:42:06.390,0:42:12.420
banks in the various areas wherever the
nearest hospital and my I signed the

0:42:12.420,0:42:18.660
same thing I still have the card and
it's still in effect this was something

0:42:18.660,0:42:28.300
that we felt would be an effective way
of trying to demonstrate not only to

0:42:28.300,0:42:35.500
the institution and the public but to
ourselves this comes home when you talk

0:42:35.520,0:42:38.540

about a person's eyes

0:42:40.160,0:42:45.560

demonstrated to ourselves just how
deeply we are involved and if there was

0:42:45.570,0:42:56.050

any man who didn't feel moved to take part to this extent to donate his eyes upon his

0:42:56.050,0:43:05.740

death to the good of humanity
and to perhaps give some person his

0:43:05.740,0:43:09.200

eyesight back who might otherwise go blind

0:43:09.200,0:43:20.160

then by unanimous agreement they weren't
worth being nurses they weren't worth

0:43:20.960,0:43:32.540

giving the title profession or they were
just still plain old convicts that

0:43:32.550,0:43:41.470

didn't deserve any sort of recognition
on a professional level of course this was

0:43:41.470,0:43:49.270

what bothered the officials I think the
professional connotation because

0:43:49.270,0:43:55.900

convicts are supposed to be dirty or
slimy people that are just pushed around--

0:43:55.900,0:44:00.430

they cut off the nursing school at all or you just kept--
well it was cut off when I

0:44:00.430,0:44:07.900

was transferred back to the penitentiary--
right smack in the middle--yeah well one

0:44:07.900,0:44:18.870

one group had been completed of course
and the second group was well on its way

0:44:18.870,0:44:26.800

and I must say for the doctor from
Alsace-Lorraine he from reports I got he

0:44:26.800,0:44:33.620

did his very best to try to complete
that second class but from what I've

0:44:33.620,0:44:41.560

learned since it's been nada--
so you were there about

0:44:41.560,0:44:50.740

2 years at Marion--uh 5 let's see 2 1/2 I would say--let's see you went

0:44:50.750,0:44:57.710

there in January of 1961 and you and you
went back in January of 1963 so it was

0:44:57.710,0:45:05.900

2 years--I guess that's right--uh the one thing about teaching at Marion of

0:45:05.900,0:45:10.670

course was getting the good time--right--for
4 months a year--

0:45:10.670,0:45:16.580

right--so when you got out I mean when
you were ready for parole how much

0:45:16.580,0:45:19.000

good time had you accumulated

0:45:20.910,0:45:26.910

about 5 months because I was earning
good time in back when I came back I

0:45:26.910,0:45:33.480

went to work in the school in the whole
regular school--in the whole 9 years you'd earned

0:45:33.480,0:45:38.360

5 months--
well I earned

0:45:42.420,0:45:45.500

4 months

0:45:48.400,0:45:54.640

5 months--I don't recall exactly

0:45:55.780,0:46:00.080

you're right it was more than that it was
close to a year it was around 10 or 11

0:46:00.090,0:46:09.180

months because I earned about
5 months or 6 months at Marion and then

0:46:09.180,0:46:15.390

when I came back to the penitentiary I
went to work as a teacher in the regular

0:46:15.390,0:46:20.760

school and I earned about 3 months
there--so if you had been a teacher during

0:46:20.760,0:46:25.260

all your 9 years your 10 years you'd
have had plenty of good time you could've gotten out--

0:46:25.260,0:46:34.590

about 8 years or less 7--some if I
had been given parole at that time--

0:46:34.590,0:46:39.570

well you would have been eligible after 7--eligible—
there's a big difference--a lot of those guys

0:46:39.570,0:46:46.740
get their time back though that's what
we say you know it's one thing to earn

0:46:46.740,0:46:54.030
the good time but if you get the time
back it's pretty discouraging and there

0:46:54.030,0:46:58.920
have been men that have gone to the
parole board amazing as it may seem

0:47:01.660,0:47:03.860
from the school

0:47:04.600,0:47:09.800
and they'll get from the
parole board exactly what they've earned

0:47:09.800,0:47:17.520
in good time you're told well now it's been
in the newspapers that you're supposed

0:47:17.520,0:47:24.240
to do 10 years before your before you
get a parole and we can't do anything

0:47:24.240,0:47:29.990
short of that so we'll give you that if
a man for instance earns 3 years

0:47:29.990,0:47:36.140
good time and he goes up in 7 years or 7 years and 2 months or whatever it may be

0:47:36.140,0:47:40.220
they'll give him 3 years or 2 years and

0:47:40.220,0:47:47.580
10 months saying that 'well
now it's been publicized that you're gonna that

0:47:47.580,0:47:53.910
you've gotta go 10 years and we can't
we don't want to contest with the

0:47:53.910,0:47:59.730
newspapers' and so forth and so forth 'so
we've got to give you 3 years and

0:47:59.730,0:48:05.480
when you do these 3 years we'll turn
you loose' what kind of horseshit is that--

0:48:05.480,0:48:11.540
that's pretty grim--that's pretty goddamn bad--
this is when you were in Marion that

0:48:11.540,0:48:15.290
Ariane started writing you or was it the
Ohio Pen--oh at the Ohio Pen she

0:48:15.290,0:48:20.740
started writing me in 19-

0:48:21.720,0:48:25.720

well again I don't want to [?] here but

0:48:25.720,0:48:30.740

it was a good 2 or 3 years before
I left the pen because I had Ariane's

0:48:30.740,0:48:34.040

picture up on my

0:48:37.000,0:48:38.420

on my door

0:48:40.820,0:48:45.800

at in the locker room in the surgery of the Ohio Pen

0:48:47.060,0:48:51.980

and I remember opening that door and
having the guys come and look and say

0:48:51.980,0:49:00.520

'boy oh boy my god'
you know they flapped their fingers

0:49:00.520,0:49:05.680

and say 'what do you think you're doing now'--
they also taught wrestling--

0:49:06.560,0:49:11.500

well that was just at Marion I just
had had a little more experience than

0:49:11.500,0:49:16.920

some of the other guys that's all
I didn't teach much I learned more than I taught

0:49:20.620,0:49:26.360

I had learned from some of the
men at the penitentiary and

0:49:31.760,0:49:36.840

there were not too many guys at Marion
that that had had too much experience

0:49:36.840,0:49:38.420

and I just

0:49:43.340,0:49:50.580

well I was a teacher but I was not by my own admission I was no expert--

0:49:51.960,0:49:57.080

was there anything else that happened at Marion uh
that you want to cover in this thing--

0:49:58.600,0:50:05.660

well not too much except
these two guys that tried to attack me

0:50:05.660,0:50:10.460

with knives and that I was help-

0:50:11.300,0:50:19.160

that that were thwarted by token of this man

0:50:19.160,0:50:30.880

Tex who interceded and helped me
later tried to give me a bad time when I was

0:50:30.880,0:50:33.720

being considered for commutation

0:50:34.560,0:50:44.860

they one made some very false accusations and

0:50:45.360,0:50:52.480

he also--what were the accusations--
well he accused me of importing illegal

0:50:52.480,0:51:04.280

medication into the institution--who was that Sam--Lawless--oh--and he also threatened to

0:51:04.280,0:51:17.580

kidnap young Sam--oh that's because you [?] right—
well well but that that was a part I mean that was the

0:51:17.580,0:51:26.200

the final act of build-up of the guy had
an IQ of 150 and he thought that he could

0:51:26.210,0:51:32.779

outthink anyone and so forth and
he was very brilliant but not very smart

0:51:32.780,0:51:37.640

I'll put it that way--very well put--
and uh

0:51:40.240,0:51:44.560

he still claims that he'll

0:51:44.560,0:51:52.700

kidnap young Sam when he gets the chance
he was unable to do anything to me

0:51:52.700,0:52:02.320

directly in prison or in the institution Marion
so he knew that young Sam

0:52:02.320,0:52:08.800

represented something whereby he could
hurt me

0:52:09.940,0:52:14.520

so he and this other ass

0:52:17.580,0:52:23.020

still claim that they'll kidnap young Sam and--

0:52:23.240,0:52:26.800

are they still in--and extract money well one is still in

0:52:26.800,0:52:32.980

and one is on the verge of getting out
or may be out about this time

0:52:34.940,0:52:38.880

one guy's name is Lawless and the other's named Foglio

0:52:38.880,0:52:46.100
Vince Foglio he's one of these little
guys a little Napoleon people you know--

0:52:46.100,0:52:51.060
you met them in the penitentiary--yes--
you didn't have any trouble there with them did you--

0:52:51.060,0:52:54.640
yeah--oh you and then and they
wanted to get in the nursing school or

0:52:54.640,0:52:58.460
they got in the nursing school--well in the first place Foglio

0:53:00.820,0:53:07.720
was the think man on William Teller remember
William Teller the bank robber--

0:53:07.720,0:53:11.500
oh yeah--8 or 10 10 or some years ago

0:53:11.500,0:53:17.040
well Foglio got caught and
he was the fink on that business and he

0:53:17.059,0:53:20.630
doesn't want anybody to know about it
but I happen to know 'cause I was in the

0:53:20.630,0:53:24.780
jail when it happened and I got the word

0:53:25.520,0:53:29.620
Foglio told on William Teller

0:53:31.200,0:53:37.720
and not only William Teller but the
guy that got William Teller

0:53:37.720,0:53:43.040
his getaway car whose name is

0:53:43.720,0:53:49.960
Frank Lazaro incidentally
Frank Lazaro got the getaway car

0:53:49.960,0:53:53.420
all he did was take a
joyride but he dropped off the car at

0:53:53.420,0:54:00.400
a ideal place and the guy who knocked
off the armory out here

0:54:03.740,0:54:12.900
who got the guns for the jobs that
William Teller pulled in a short time

0:54:12.900,0:54:19.360
and let's see what was his name
well you don't care about the names but

0:54:19.360,0:54:22.320

I know there was

0:54:24.240,0:54:30.860

I know the guy who got the armory
to get the guns the machine guns

0:54:30.860,0:54:39.540

and the shotguns and so forth
Vince Foglio tipped this whole thing

0:54:39.540,0:54:44.740

off and I know that he did and he hates
me because I know

0:54:46.980,0:54:58.080

Lawless is a guy who hates anybody who's any smarter
than he is and Lawless and Foglio fought

0:54:58.080,0:55:05.400

in fact they have fistfights and I'd take
both of 'em on in a fistfight right now because they

0:55:05.400,0:55:10.580

neither one of them could
knock themselves out of a wet paper bag

0:55:12.120,0:55:19.100

on a wet Sunday I mean they're just both
not physically strong they're both

0:55:19.100,0:55:27.900

weak small guys they're both about 5 foot 2 or 3
and have the typical complex of

0:55:27.900,0:55:39.120

small men again the sort of--Napoleon--
Napoleonic reaction yes

0:55:40.460,0:55:49.440

but the one the the Lawless guy and it's
odd that his name is Lawless

0:55:55.860,0:56:01.540

convinced Foglio that I was trying to kill him

0:56:02.680,0:56:08.660

well if I wanted to kill somebody
I certainly wouldn't have much trouble doing it

0:56:09.100,0:56:13.760

but Foglio fell for it they're both paranoid

0:56:16.920,0:56:18.240

and uh

0:56:21.300,0:56:29.340

Foglio went for it temporarily and then he got the idea that Lawless was against him and he

0:56:29.340,0:56:37.060

beat the hell outta Lawless knocked two of his
front teeth loose and cut his lip and

0:56:37.060,0:56:46.860

cut his eye and so forth
but later they got together and decided that

0:56:46.860,0:56:51.540

I was a terrible guy I guess since I got out of prison
you know and they're still in prison

0:56:54.080,0:56:58.840

and they vowed that they would
get me some way and the best way they

0:56:58.840,0:57:05.740

thought they could get me was to kidnap
young Sam and either extract money or

0:57:05.740,0:57:13.160

do something to him and this bothers me a
great deal to say the least

0:57:13.160,0:57:21.160

which of course is calculated they're not stupid
these men they know that perhaps the

0:57:21.170,0:57:25.580

best way to hurt me is to hurt young Sam--
yeah well how did they you came

0:57:25.580,0:57:28.800

to the they came to you in the Marion thing
they were in their nursing school at Marion--

0:57:28.800,0:57:35.620

well I had known them before--yeah--I knew Foglio
since jail that's when I meet him on

0:57:35.620,0:57:38.720

the Teller thing--
yeah but then they when they came to

0:57:38.720,0:57:42.859

Marion they got in your nursing school--
yeah and I had to get rid of both

0:57:42.859,0:57:48.830

of them and I did so by just giving them
examinations and things that were too

0:57:48.830,0:57:57.720

tough for them that's all--is there anything
else that at Marion that you want to tell me about--

0:57:58.360,0:58:02.480

well the main thing is that
I hope I never see it again

0:58:05.080,0:58:12.800

Is there anything else that that you can remember that we haven't covered you or Ariane--

0:58:15.860,0:58:21.180

I don't think of anything right now do you Ariane—
you mean at Marion or just--anywhere--anywhere anything--

0:58:21.180,0:58:27.460
[Ariane unintelligible]--yeah

0:58:28.680,0:58:35.400
before I shut this machine off for a while--
I don't think of anything right now except that

0:58:35.400,0:58:42.760
[Ariane unintelligible] yeah well that's the way she is except that uh

0:58:45.900,0:58:59.080
it seemed to me that well at first place
Ariane was not admitted as my on my list

0:58:59.080,0:59:12.560
of visitors and I paid \$30 cash to get that
adjusted--[laughter] that's a good word--it was legal

0:59:12.560,0:59:19.660
it was done legally and everything but \$30 made it--
well money talks in the--money talks

0:59:19.660,0:59:23.160
that's right--in the penitentiary--and that and that's why they they

0:59:23.980,0:59:30.099
the general idea is I guess to
I imagine this is why they don't permit

0:59:30.099,0:59:35.700
money in a penitentiary because money talks

0:59:35.820,0:59:45.440
and I had the money it took me \$60 to
get the \$30 cash you know in the green stuff

0:59:45.860,0:59:54.840
but I had it and I used it that's how Ariane
got in to visit me if it hadn't been for

0:59:54.850,1:00:01.930
that she'd a never got in--how how on this little business you went into it did you

1:00:01.930,1:00:09.120
exchange any cash at that time or the--
no that was strictly strictly legit

1:00:09.120,1:00:18.400
that was strictly transferal of funds within
the accounts of the institution--

1:00:18.440,1:00:24.560
you never saw any money real money--no—
and if you wanted to buy something on the outside

1:00:24.560,1:00:33.100
they would take your money and--yeah I
would write a cash slip for instance to buy

1:00:34.260,1:00:45.800
well for instance if I wanted to buy
Ariane a glass or a vase or something

1:00:45.800,1:00:52.830

I would order it and then we'd write a
cash slip sign it and that would be

1:00:52.830,1:01:00.580

authorized and a check would be made out
and put with my letter and sent to the company

1:01:02.300,1:01:11.240

and then the--I forgot something—
the vase or whatever would be sent directly

1:01:11.240,1:01:22.260

to Ariane or to me and and I then could send it on--
what'd you forget Ariane--what I forgot was to tell that

1:01:22.620,1:01:30.780

when the news leaked out of my
engagement with Sam and after this

1:01:30.790,1:01:38.320

hearing when the pressure became so hard
and so tough and so forth Sam felt that

1:01:38.320,1:01:43.460

the least he could do to help me is just
get me officially engaged

1:01:43.460,1:01:51.960

through Dr. Steve as
who had the power of attorney and so

1:01:52.740,1:02:03.060

Dr. Steve picked out some engagement rings
and went to Marion and let Sam

1:02:03.060,1:02:08.700

pick out one for me and

1:02:10.100,1:02:19.040

so then we had a little engagement ceremony
and a little quiet dinner just the three of us

1:02:19.040,1:02:29.520

that same night 1 ½ or no two 1-carat
diamonds in a gold setting and

1:02:30.020,1:02:36.860

I wore this ring for about 2 weeks 3 weeks
past 4 weeks but I just didn't

1:02:36.860,1:02:45.360

feel right wearing this ring because of
Sam's financial situation and all I

1:02:45.360,1:02:50.200

you know I had two of my own and I didn't
want anything expensive and this mmm

1:02:50.200,1:02:56.200

ring and the value of money would
develop for Sam otherwise and I just

1:02:56.200,1:03:00.100

didn't feel right about it and in the meantime
Dr. Steve gave me a few

1:03:00.100,1:03:05.920

unvaluable [sic] belongings of Sam
old things of your old childhood rings

1:03:05.920,1:03:10.569

were among these things so I found a
little silver ring just with an 'S'

1:03:10.569,1:03:17.160

engraved on it and it was broken open
underneath so it was and I asked Dr. Steve

1:03:17.160,1:03:21.740

who what that ring was and you
said that was same childhood ring

1:03:21.740,1:03:26.890

and when he grew grew too big they had
to break open the ring you know and I

1:03:26.890,1:03:32.940

said to him 'now that is what I would like
as my engagement ring and

1:03:33.740,1:03:40.200

you can tell Sam you when you go next visit him
tell him that tell him that he can buy me the

1:03:40.210,1:03:44.020

biggest diamond ring in the world when he
can afford it when he is out but

1:03:44.020,1:03:49.240

right now I have much more personal contact to
this little silver ring that he has worn

1:03:49.240,1:03:55.720

as a young boy than to that flashy ring
that it doesn't mean anything to me'

1:03:56.280,1:04:01.839

so Steve told Sam and Sam didn't agree with it
but he said 'well if that's what she

1:04:01.840,1:04:08.780

wants then that's the way it's gonna be'
so the flashy ring was returned to the

1:04:08.780,1:04:12.920

jeweler and I wore that silver ring
I had it repaired

1:04:12.920,1:04:23.720

I took it to Beattie's and they fixed it--it was worth \$8 million—
[?] together and I brought them this did I tell you in

1:04:23.720,1:04:28.940

when I had my first meeting with young Sam he came from [?] I think it was spring

1:04:28.940,1:04:34.080

vacation yes must have been spring vacation
and my Sam had in the meantime

1:04:34.080,1:04:39.840

smuggled out a little medallion a little
medal on which is the Joan of Arc and

1:04:39.840,1:04:45.840

he said I'm his Joan of Arc and so
so he had engraved with a nail file

1:04:45.840,1:04:52.260

Sam loves Ariane and you smuggled it out he sent it
to young Sam and young Sam brought it and

1:04:52.260,1:04:56.160

I'm in on the railroad station
I went there to meet him you know

1:04:56.180,1:05:00.820

and even on the railroad station he got it out of
his coat pocket you know and he said

1:05:00.820,1:05:06.120

'this is from Dad and me' because that's what
his father had written on it it said

1:05:06.120,1:05:14.560

'from both of us as a token from both of us give it to her'
and so I went also with that to

1:05:14.560,1:05:20.540

Beattie's and there was a silver chain on
it [?] but it wasn't for a neck

1:05:20.540,1:05:25.860

you know so I had it made double and I
wore it as a bracelet

1:05:25.860,1:05:31.440

that's a cheap silver coin you know and I took it to Beattie's
and I told them I want the

1:05:31.440,1:05:35.580

engraver to follow the exact line that
that had been to scratch along from the

1:05:35.580,1:05:40.720

nail file and I want the engraver to follow
the exa- I still have that of course you know

1:05:40.720,1:05:44.860

if you wanna see it I thought I should
tell you that

1:05:46.300,1:05:51.440

It was also so faithful the way you know
his dad had told him to give me that medal

1:05:51.440,1:05:56.080

and told him [?] right on the station
you know before I got in the car

1:05:56.080,1:05:59.760

'I have to give you something
from Dad and me'--

1:06:02.640,1:06:05.420

well I think we're finished--

1:06:07.320,1:06:13.940

yeah that's what do you think [laughs]--

well I mean you know for now anyway with the taping oh boy